

Pappas Telecasting  
Companies'  
'donation' of  
\$325,000 in airtime  
to Republican  
candidates in  
certain areas is yet  
another example of a  
powerful media group  
abusing its  
privileged access to  
the public airwaves.

Localism is not  
served when a  
corporate  
headquarters decides  
to provide one side  
in local elections a  
louder voice than  
others. During  
election season,  
local audiences  
should be offered  
genuine debate --  
not disingenuous  
offers to "purchase"  
an equal amount of  
response time. KTNC,  
one of the Pappas'  
stations in our  
Sacramento area and  
they are planing to  
target some of the  
finest Democratic  
incumbants we have.  
Those candidates  
should be allowed  
equal time as a  
matter of justice  
and the public  
interest!!!

Pappas uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. Pappas'  
actions are legally  
questionable and  
cast doubt on  
whether Pappas truly  
intends to serve the  
public interest.  
Their actions show

why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them.

Further, they show  
why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than just a  
returned postcard.  
Thank you.